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SUBJECT: ITALIAN-YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT ON TRIESTE/ZONE B

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1. ITALIAN AMBASSADOR GAJA INFORMED DEPUTY SECRETARY ON SEPTEMBER 30 OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ITALIAN/YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT ON TRIESTE/ZONE B. GAJA SAID ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENTS WILL EACH MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH THEY WILL SUBMIT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE PARLIAMENTS ON OCTOBER 1 FOR RATIFICATION. GAJA EXPECTED LARGE MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH, HOWEVER, WILL AT THE SAME TIME BE SUBJECT OF SOME CRITICISM IN ITALY. GAJA ALSO SAID THE ITALIANS WERE INFORMING LONDON.

2. ACCORDING TO DOCUMENT GIVEN TO US BY AMBASSADOR GAJA, THE AGREEMENT INCLUDES FOLLOWING GENERAL POLITICAL PROVISIONS:

A. THE UNRESOLVED TERRITORIAL SITUATION WILL BE SUBSTITUTED
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BY A DEFINITIVE SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL SUPERCEDE THE 1954

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, WHEN IT ENTERS INTO FORCE. THE BORDER WITH SOME ADJUSTMENTS WILL ESSENTIALLY FOLLOW THAT ESTABLISHED BY THE 1947 PEACE TREATY AND THE LONDON

MEMORANDUM.

B. THERE WILL BE A SETTLEMENT OF THE MINORITY QUESTION.

C. A FREE CUSTOMS ZONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT THE ITALIAN /YUGOSLAV BORDER CONTROLLED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT WILL SEEK AUTHORIZATION FOR THE FREE ZONE FROM THE COMPETENT EC BODIES.

3. GAJA SAID THAT THERE WILL PROBABLY BE A NEED FOR SOME JURIDICAL ARRANGEMENT TO BRING THE AGREEMENT INTO FORCE WITHOUT REOPENING THE 1947 PEACE TREATY. ONCE THE ITALIAN PARLIAMENT APPROVES THE AGREEMENT, THE GOVERNMENT WILL ASK FOR U.S. APPROVAL AND HELP IN THIS REGARD. INGERSOLL

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